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11	12/27/62	NY let to Hq	1	1	
12	1/23/63	NY report	16	15	
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13	5/14/63	Form 4-528	1	1	
14	2/20/63	FD-128	1	1	
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19	8/22/63	NK let to Hq	1	1	
20	10/3/63	NK let to Hq	1	1	
21	10/29/63	NY let to Hq	1	1	
22	11/29/63	FD-128	1	1	
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27	7/15/66	NY report + copy of pp A-C	13	13	3 pp dup
28	8/30/66	Form 5-127	2	—	See Bufile 101-2483
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Synopsis:

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject resides 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, NY, and is unemployed widow. Subject registered to vote expressing preference for Communist Party (CP), 1933 through 1936. Subject reported to have attempted to recruit individual for CP and described as CP sympathizer prior to 1940.

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Subject traveled throughout the United States, Europe, and Mexico in connection with activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. Subject was officer of National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell as of 6/17/58.

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SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED)

Subject registered to vote in 1938 and 1946 through 1950, expressing her preference for the American Labor Party (ALP). Subject visited Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, 1950, and was in attendance at fund raising party for "The Worker," 7/26/58. CP sympathy of close relatives of subject set out.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA KENNETH J. HASER, reflected that the subject listed her date of birth as July 30, 1894, at Belezzerka, Wolyn, Poland.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject was born on July 30, 1894, in Poland.

Citizenship Status

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York, New York, as reviewed during 1950, reflected that LOUIS SOBELL, who was born on April 22, 1888, in Wobin, Russia, entered the United States on August 6, 1906, on the SS NIEU AMSTERDAM, and that on October 2, 1911, he filed Declaration of Intention Number 1021131. He was admitted to citizenship on August 3, 1914, and received Certificate of Naturalization Number 492235.

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA HASER reflected that the subject was born at Belezzerka, Wolyn, Poland, and immigrated to the United States on September 6, 1906, and that she acquired her United States citizenship by virtue of her marriage in 1915 to LOUIS SOBELL. The records further reflected that LOUIS SOBELL's Naturalization Certificate Number 492235, issued on August 3, 1914, was seen by the passport authorities.

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Nationality Background

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that the subject listed her parents on her marriage license as MICHEL PASTERNAK and IDA PASTERNAK, both of whom were born in Russia. These records further reflected that the subject's husband, LOUIS SOBELL, listed his parents as MORDCHE SOBELL and YURI SOBELL, nee YURI SCHELL, both of whom were born in Russia.

Marital Status

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA HASER reflected that the subject was married on May 27, 1915, to LOUIS SOBELL, who was born in Russia on April 22, 1888, and immigrated to the United States in August, 1906.

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that Marriage License Number 12046, was issued to LOUIS SOBELL and ROSE PASTERNAK, who were married on May 27, 1915.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject was a widow, having been married to LOUIS SOBELL, who was deceased.

Identification Record

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identification Division advised during March, 1958, that the subject had FBI Number 828 628 C and the following identification record:

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>
CSC	Rose Sobell	7/27/43
Passaic Co. B. of I. Co. Jail Paterson, N.J.	Rose Sobell #DW-89640	Applicant 5/25/44

On September 2, 1958, [REDACTED] Passaic County Bureau of Identification, County Jail, Paterson, New Jersey, advised SA LOUIS F. HIBAN, Jr., that his files contain no record of the captioned subject.

[REDACTED] advised that during World War II, plants in the Passaic County, New Jersey area that had government contracts, would request the identification bureau to submit the fingerprints of the plants' employees to the FBI. [REDACTED] advised the letters DW referred to defense worker and that the number 89640 was a number given to an employee by the defense plant. b7d

[REDACTED] advised that they handled such a great volume of these fingerprints that no record was kept by their bureau. [REDACTED] advised that the Wright Aeronautical Division, Curtiss-Wright Corporation of Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, supplied a great number of these prints to his identification bureau.

Residence

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that the subject listed her residence in 1915, as 633 East 11th Street, New York, New York.

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The records of the New York County Bureau of Vital Statistics, as reviewed during 1950, reflected that Birth Certificate Number 19051, was issued to MORTON SOBELL, who was born on April 11, 1917. This Birth Certificate further reflected that MORTON SOBELL's parents, ROSE and LOUIS SOBELL, resided in 1917, at 182 Broome Street, New York, New York.

[REDACTED] advised in November, 1950, that ROSE and LOUIS SOBELL and their son, MORTON SOBELL, resided at this address from about July, 1931, to December, 1940. U b7d

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on August 28, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote from 1933 through 1940, with the exception of 1937, from 646 St. Anns Avenue, Bronx, New York. U

[REDACTED] Schenectady Works, General Electric Company, advised during 1950, that MORTON SOBELL listed on his employment application, dated June 4, 1942, that his parents, LOUIS and ROSE SOBELL, resided at 5618 Catherine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. U b7d

The FBI Identification Division, advised during March, 1958, that the subject's FBI Identification Record listed her residence in 1944 as 642 Concord Avenue, Bronx, New York. U

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote in 1940 and from 1946 through 1950, from 600 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, New York. These records further reflected that the subject registered to vote from 1951 through 1957, with the exception of 1955, from 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York. U

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The records of the New York Telephone Company, as furnished by [REDACTED] to SA FRANCIS X. KANE, Jr., on March 31, 1958, reflected that telephone number SE 3-8002 was issued to ROSE SOBELL, Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York. These records further reflected that this telephone service was connected in April, 1954. b7d

A [REDACTED] telephone conversation between a Special Agent of the FBI and an individual who identified herself as Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, on February 13, 1958, reflected that ROSE SOBELL presently resided at that address. b7E

A [REDACTED] telephone conversation between a Special Agent of the FBI and an unidentified individual at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, on September 29, 1958, reflected that ROSE SOBELL presently resided at this address. b7E

Employment

On September 2, 1958, [REDACTED] Plant Protection Office, Wright Aeronautical Division, Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, advised SA HIBAN that his records reflect a card which contained the subject's name and number 89640. [REDACTED] advised that this card signified that the card was printed by his company as an applicant. [REDACTED] advised that during World War II, all applicants applying for work were given a physical examination, fingerprinted, photographed and an application form was completed. b7d

[REDACTED] advised that if the applicant did not report to work then the physical examination sheet, the photograph, and the application form were destroyed. [REDACTED] advised that this was the case with the subject and that she was never employed by Curtiss-Wright but just made application for employment. b7d

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A [redacted] telephone conversation between a Special Agent of the FBI and an unidentified individual at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, on September 29, 1958, reflected that ROSE SOBELL was a widow, who was not regularly employed. b7c

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on August 28, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote from 1933 through 1936 expressing her preference for the CP.

[redacted] advised during 1950, that the SOBELLs resided at this address from about July, 1931 to December, 1940. [redacted] added that on different occasions both ROSE and LOUIS SOBELL engaged him in conversations at which time they were quite pronounced in their admiration of Communists. [redacted] added that on several occasions, Mrs. SOBELL asked him to join the CP. [redacted] stated that although he believed ROSE and LOUIS SOBELL to be Communists, he could not link them as members of any Communist organization. b7d

[redacted] advised SAS RALPH D. HOUSE and ROBERT C. DAVIS, on November 29, 1957, that he [redacted] resided in New York, New York.

[redacted] stated that while residing at the St. Anns Avenue addresses, the LOUIS SOBELL family was his neighbor. b7d

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[REDACTED] explained that LOUIS SOBELL was the father of MORTON SOBELL, who had been convicted for his participation in the ROSENBERG spy ring and who was subsequently incarcerated in Alcatraz Penitentiary. b7d

[REDACTED] added that the wife of LOUIS SOBELL was ROSE SOBELL and that she was the "wildest Communist" he ever saw in his life. [REDACTED] stated that ROSE SOBELL was completely sold on Communism and on Russia and was always declaring how much better things were in Russia as compared with things in the United States. b7d

III. CONNECTIONS WITH CP FRONT ACTIVITIES

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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International Workers Order (IWO)

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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According to T-3, the subject was born in 1894 and resided at 646 St. Anns Avenue, Bronx, New York, in 1932 and at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, in 1954.

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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IV. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE AND/OR NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

See Appendix

Domestic Activity

Activity in California

DAVE BROWN, whose last known residence was New York, New York, who furnished information to the FBI regarding CP front organizations from June, 1951, and regarding the CP from February, 1954, until he divulged his confidential relationship with the FBI to the Civil Rights Congress and the Communist Party in January, 1955, advised on August 18, 1953, that a meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was held on August 10, 1953, at the Park Manor, Los Angeles, California. BROWN, who was the Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress in Los Angeles, California, from February 6, 1954, to January, 1955, added that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, spoke for a few minutes at this meeting.



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Activity in District of Columbia

T-11 furnished on June 6, 1958, an undated, printed letter on the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, which reflected that headquarters for ROSE SOBELL were being set up in Washington, D. C. for the month of June, in order that she might visit United States Congressmen and leaders of national organizations in connection with her efforts to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL.

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T-16 advised [REDACTED]

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ROSE SOBELL stated that she had travelled over most of the United States and had also been to Europe talking to people about the Sobell Case.

Activity in New York

T-17 made available on June 26, 1952, a letter dated June the 25th on the letterhead of the National

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Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which reflected that a meeting sponsored by this committee would be held on June the 26th at the Great Central Palace, 90 Clinton Street, New York, New York, and that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL would be at this meeting.

An article in the "Daily Worker" issue of June 25, 1952, reflected that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL would be featured as a speaker at the above meeting.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast daily Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

An article in the "Daily Worker" issue of June 21, 1954, reflected that 400 persons visited the grave of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG yesterday to participate in the unveiling of a headstone. This article further reflected that at this ceremony the subject spoke to the assembled crowd of how she had known JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and although it was only for a short time, she loved them very much and pledged to work every day of her life until they were vindicated. The article continued that the subject added that the way to vindicate the ROSENBERGS was to work every day and night for the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL.

Concerning JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, they were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. They were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

T-18 advised on October 4, 1955, that the subject was a speaker at a meeting of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, which was held on September 29, 1955, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York.

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T-19 advised on May 17, 1956, that the subject was in attendance at a meeting under the sponsorship of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, which was held on May 15, 1956, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York. The informant added that at this meeting, the subject spoke on her recent trip to Europe and of the sympathy she received there concerning her son's imprisonment.

T-20 advised on May 24, 1956, that the subject was in attendance at the above meeting, held on May 15, 1956. The informant stated that at this meeting, the subject spoke briefly concerning her trip to Europe and of the sympathetic interest expressed in her cause by many of those with whom she came in contact.

T-21 advised on May 23, 1956, that the subject was in attendance at the above meeting of the Sobell Committee on May 15, 1956.

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T-23 advised on April 28, 1958, that the subject was in attendance at a Sobell Committee rally, which was held on April 21, 1958, at the Community Church, 35th Street off Park Avenue, New York, New York.

T-11 advised on April 30, 1958, that the subject was in attendance at the above meeting of the Sobell Committee, held on April 21, 1958.

T-11 advised on July 1, 1958, that as of June 17, 1958, the subject was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell and was a member of the New York State Sobell Committee.

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Foreign Activity

Activity in Europe

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed on March 14, 1956, by SA HASER reflected that ROSE SOBELL was issued Passport Number 797121 on November 14, 1955, for a proposed six months travel to England, France, Italy, and Israel. In her application, dated November 1, 1955, at New York, New York, the subject stated that she intended to depart from New York, New York, in January, 1956. This passport was valid for two years travel in all countries except Albania, Bulgaria, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam, under Communist control.

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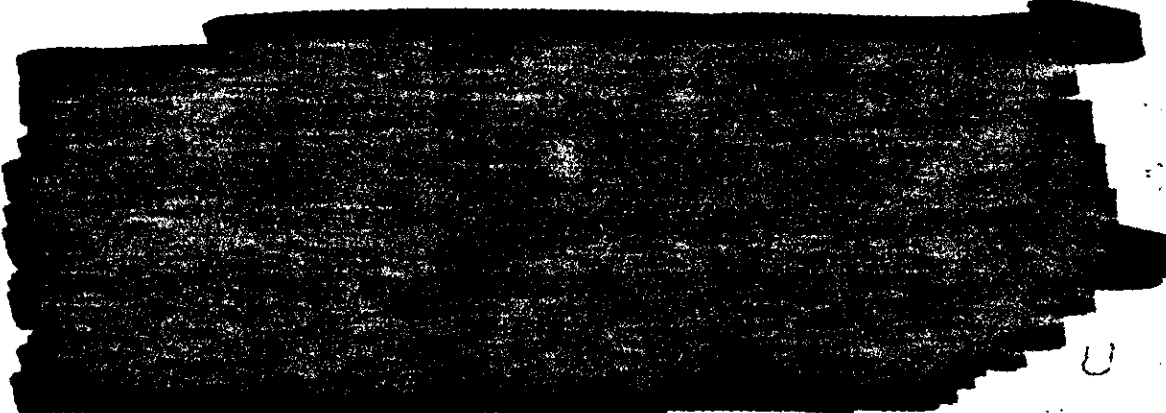
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An article in the "National Guardian," issue of March 5, 1956, page eight, columns three and four, reflected that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, who is serving a thirty year prison term imposed at the

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trial of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, arrived in Britain on the Cunard Liner QUEEN ELIZABETH on February 22, 1956. The article continued that Mrs. SOBELL stated at Southampton, England, that "there are many friends in Britain who are concerned with the terrible thing that has been done to my son, people who can not be silent in the face of injustice and who join in the world-wide fight to save the Rosenbergs. They want to know more about the case and I will do what I can to explain it to them."

See Appendix concerning the "National Guardian."



T-31 advised on May 28, 1956, that ROSE SOBELL was in attendance at a rally held on May 15, 1956, sponsored by the Sobell Committee at Carnegie Hall, New York. The informant added that at this rally the subject spoke concerning her trip to France, England, and Italy, and stated that everyone she spoke with said that her son was innocent.

The issue of May 26, 1956, page four, columns one through five of the newspaper, "Glos Ludowy," contained an article concerning the fact that ROSE SOBELL had travelled all over Europe to win support for an appeal to release her son, who has been sentenced to thirty years imprisonment.

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See Appendix concerning "Glos Ludowy." (U)

Activity in Mexico

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V. CONNECTIONS WITH CP FRONT GROUPS

American Labor Party (ALP)

See Appendix (U)

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on August 28, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote in 1938, expressing her preference for the ALP. (U)

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections, as reviewed on March 14, 1958, reflected that the subject registered to vote in 1946 through 1950, expressing her preference for the ALP. (U)

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Camp Unity

See Appendix. (U)

LOUIS PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, advised SAS REX I. SHRODER and JAMES P. LEE on December 13, 1950, that LOUIS and ROSE SOBELL visited Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, sometime during the Summer of 1950. (U)

"Jewish Life"

See Appendix. (U)



"The Worker"

"The Worker" is a weekly East Coast Communist newspaper. (U)

T-35 advised on August 13, 1958, that the subject was in attendance at a party held on July 26, 1958, for the purpose of raising funds for "The Worker." (U)

VI. CP SYMPATHY OF CLOSE RELATIVES

LOUIS SOBELL
Subject's Husband

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau, as reviewed on August 18, 1958, reflected that Marriage License Number 12046 was issued to LOUIS SOBELL and ROSE PASTERNAK, who were married on May 27, 1915. (U)

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[REDACTED]
advised SAS RALPH D. HOUSE and ROBERT C. DAVIS on November 29, 1957, that he had resided in New York, New York, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] added that while residing at the St. Anns Avenue addresses, the LOUIS SOBELL family was his neighbor, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] explained that LOUIS SOBELL was the father of MORTON SOBELL, who had been convicted for his participation in the Rosenberg spy ring and was subsequently incarcerated in Alcatraz Penitentiary. b7d

[REDACTED] further advised that LOUIS SOBELL, at the time, had a drugstore at the corner of St. Anns Avenue and Westchester Avenue, but ruined his business by talking Communism to everyone who came into his store.

[REDACTED] considered that LOUIS SOBELL was quite a Communist but at the same time harmless and frustrated.

[REDACTED] added that LOUIS SOBELL was a Stalinist Communist and spent much time arguing with the Trotskyites in the neighborhood. b7d

[REDACTED] a self-admitted former member of the CP, advised on January 19, 1955, that she first joined the CP in 1936 or 1937, and that when she got married in 1938, she transferred to a CP club which met in the vicinity of Burnside, Davidson and Tremont Avenues in the Bronx, New York. [REDACTED] added that her husband, [REDACTED] was recruited into the CP about twenty years ago by the father of MORTON SOBELL. She explained that the father of MORTON SOBELL was a druggist in the area where her husband resided at that time. b7d

MORTON SOBELL
Subject's Son

[The personnel file of MORTON SOBELL at the

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Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., as reviewed during 1950 reflected that he was born on April 11, 1917, at New York, New York, and that his parents were ROSE SOBELL and LOUIS SOBELL.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to thirty years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

HELEN SOBELL

Subject's Daughter-in-law

The records of the Arlington County Court House, Arlington, Virginia, as reviewed in 1950, reflected that MORTON SOBELL married HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, nee HELEN LEVITOV on March 10, 1945, in Arlington, Virginia. MORTON SOBELL listed his parents as LOUIS SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL, nee ROSE PASTERNAK.

The "New York Times" in its issue of October 16, 1957, page 23, columns one through four reflects the following:

"RED ORDER TO PAY MRS. SOBELL CITED"

"Soviet Defector Says Abel Told Him to Give \$5,000 to Convicted Spy's Wife"

"By MICHAEL CLARK"

"Reino Hayhanen, a confessed Soviet spy, testified in Brooklyn Federal Court yesterday that on two occasions he had been ordered to arrange for the payment of \$5,000 to Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, a convicted spy.

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"The Government witness, who defected to the West last May, said the orders had come from Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, on trial as the asserted head of a Soviet spy network in the United States. Hayhanen added that the money had not been paid but that he had received a secret message instructing him to find out whether Mrs. Sobell would serve as an agent. (U)

"Denying the allegations, Mrs. Sobell said in a statement later: 'This meaningless testimony is just a way of smearing me at a time when my husband's case is before the Supreme Court in a request for a new trial.' (U)

"Morton Sobell was co-defendant in the 1951 trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs, sentenced to death for betraying atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing prison on June 19, 1953. Sobell was sentenced to thirty years and is now serving his term in Alcatraz. (U)

"Moscow Orders Cited"

"Under direct examination by William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General, Hayhanen quoted Abel as saying in the spring of 1955 that he had been instructed by Moscow to find Mrs. Sobell and to give her \$5,000. (U)

"According to Hayhanen, Mrs. Sobell was known to Abel as 'Agent Stone's wife.' The witness later testified that he knew Mrs. Sobell to be the wife of an agent who had been prosecuted as a Soviet agent and sentenced to thirty years in prison. He said he had learned from Abel that it was Soviet custom to use man-and-wife teams whenever possible.

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"However, the witness said, since Mrs. Sobell's Manhattan apartment was guarded by the police, it was decided to bury the money in Bear Mountain Park on the Hudson. The witness testified that he and Abel had done this together shortly before the latter's trip to Moscow in June, 1955. (U)

"Hayhanen indicated that although he had been left with the job of seeing that Mrs. Sobell got the money, this mission had not been carried out. Nevertheless, he said, he had reported through a drop-a hidden place where secret messages are left-that he had located Mrs. Sobell and given her the money. (U)

"In reply', he said, 'I was told to locate her again and find out whether she would serve as an agent.'" (U)


The same article disclosed that HAYHANEN also testified that in about July of 1956, ABEL suggested that HAYHANEN take a vacation in Moscow. But, first HAYHANEN said ABEL had told him to locate Mrs. SOBELL once more and give her another \$5,000. He told the court that this had not been done. (U)

LOUIS PASTERNAK
Subject's Brother

T-32 advised during 1954, that LOUIS PASTERNAK and MORRIS PASTERNAK are the brothers of ROSE SOBELL, who is the mother of MORTON SOBELL. (U)

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The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.


Also see Appendix concerning the CPA.

MORRIS PASTERNAK
Subject's Brother

T-32 advised during 1954, that LOUIS PASTERNAK and MORRIS PASTERNAK are the brothers of ROSE SOBELL, who is the mother of MORTON SOBELL.

GEORGE HEWITT, now deceased, a self-admitted member of the CP from 1929 until 1923, advised on October 19, 1945, that MORRIS PASTERNAK was the brother of LOUIS PASTERNAK, Manager, Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York.

HEWITT advised during October, 1945, that MORRIS PASTERNAK had been active in Communism for many years and had served on practically every leading committee in the state and national apparatus. HEWITT added that MORRIS PASTERNAK attended the Lenin School in Moscow from 1930 to 1932 and that upon his return to the United States, he worked at the state office as a "leader."

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See Appendix concerning Workers School. U

FLORENCE PASTERNAK
Subject's Sister-in-law

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JOSEPH PASTERNAK
Subject's Brother

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IDA PASTERNAK
Subject's Sister-in-law

T-38 advised on October 31, 1952, that IDA PASTERNAK was, as of that date, a member of the Political Prisoners Welfare Committee.

The Political Prisoners Welfare Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

T-1, T-21, T-29, T-37, and additional informants each of whom has some knowledge of CP activities in the Metropolitan area of New York, New York, uniformly advised during June, July, and August, 1958, that they knew of no recent CP activity on the part of the subject.

VIII. DESCRIPTION

The following is a description of the subject as obtained from the records of the following: Passport Office; United States Department of State; Bronx County Board of Elections; Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York; FBI Identification Division; New York County Marriage License Bureau and Bureau of Vital Statistics as well as information furnished by T-32.

Name	ROSE SOBELL, nee <i>Sobell</i> Rose Pasternak
Alias	Mrs. Louis Sobell
Date of Birth	July 30, 1894
Place of Birth	Belezerka, Wolyn, Poland
Race	White
Sex	Female
Height	5'2"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Citizenship	Derivative citizenship through husband's naturalization on August 3, 1914.
Marital Status	Widow, LOUIS SOBELL, Deceased
Residence	2400 Davidson Avenue Bronx, New York

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Former Residences	600 Trinity Avenue Bronx, New York (1946-1950)
	642 Concord Avenue Bronx, New York (1944)
	5618 Catherine Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1942)
	646 St. Anns Avenue Bronx, New York (July, 1931 - December, 1940)
	182 Broome Street New York, New York (1917)
	633 East 11th Street New York, New York (1915)
FEI Number	828 628 C
Relatives	LOUIS SOBELL - Husband, deceased
	MORTON SOBELL - Son United States Penitentiary Atlanta, Georgia
	HELEN SOBELL - Daughter-in-law 30 Charlton Street New York, New York
	MORRIS PASTERNAK - Brother 4619 Skillman Avenue Queens, New York
	FLORENCE PASTERNAK - Sister-in-law 46-19 Skillman Avenue Queens, New York

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Relatives (Cont'd)

LOUIS PASTERNAK - Brother
56 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

JOSEPH PASTERNAK - Brother
521½ North Madison
Los Angeles, California

IDA PASTERNAK - Sister-in-law
521½ North Madison
Los Angeles, California

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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee; Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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CAMP UNITY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning Camp Unity:

"Camp Unity (Wingdale, N. Y.)

- "1. Cited as a 'notorious Communist rendezvous.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 9 and 10.)"

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COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Communist Political Association:

"Communist Political Association
(May 1944 to July 1945)

- "1. Cited as a 'subversive,' 'Communist' organization which sought 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.'
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 21, 1948.)
- "2. '* * * after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, for strategic reasons, the party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 209 on 'The Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power,' April 1, 1947, p. 29; also cited in House Report 1694 on 'Organized Communism in the United States,' May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, pp. 114 and 120, and House Report 2244 on 'The Communist Conspiracy,' Part I, Section E, May 29, 1956, p. 3.)"

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"GLOS LUDOWY"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning "Glos Ludowy":

"Glos Ludowy (People's Voice, Polish)

- "1. Cited as a publication which 'has never faltered in this program of active cooperation with the Soviet regime * * * Two men who have been responsible for directing the policy of Glos Ludowy are avowed members of the Communist Party, U. S. A. * * * Glos Ludowy stops at nothing in its frantic efforts to glorify the Soviet Union.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1951 on the American Slav Congress, April 26, 1950, originally released June 26, 1949, pp. 70 and 71.)"

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"JEWISH LIFE"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Jewish Life":

"Jewish Life

- "1. Cited as a Communist-front which first appeared in November 1946, as a monthly published by the Morning Freiheit Association, publishers of the Yiddish Communist daily, Morning Freiheit * * *. The first issue contained this announcement of policy: "Jewish Life dedicates itself to strengthening the friendship of the Jewish people with the Soviet Union."

"Its editor, Louis Harap, has been identified as a Communist in sworn testimony.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 93.)"

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"National Committee to Secure Justice For
Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case

1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p.30.)"

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (and local affiliates)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front 'organized at least as early as November 1951' to conduct the United States phase of 'a mammoth propaganda campaign designed to obliterate the crime (of) and exploit the Rosenbergs and their codefendant, Morton Sobell, for the purposes of international communism.' Headed by Joseph Brainin as chairman, the committee had national headquarters at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and more than 40 local affiliates throughout the country. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 1, 13, 21, 63 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 3 and 29-33.)
- "2. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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WORKERS SCHOOL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Workers School:

"Workers School (New York City)

1. Cited as 'an official Communist Party school' located at 35 East Twelfth Street, New York City, which was also headquarters of the Communist Party. Instructors were always members of the Communist Party. It later merged with the School for Democracy to become the Jefferson School of Social Science. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, pp. 89 and 168.)"

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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New York, New York
October 10, 1958

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Re: Rose Sobell, nee Rose Pasternak,
with alias Mrs. Louis Sobell
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James Charles Haebel at New York, dated and captioned as above.

T-3, T-17, and T-34, were in a position to furnish reliable information.

T-30 is a confidential source abroad.

All other informants have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10/10/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869)

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, nee
Rose Pasternak, wa.,
Mrs. Louis Sobell
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Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL at New York, and four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to this report.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Attention is invited to the fact that the subject of instant case is not identical with ROSE SOBELL, who is the subject of NY 100-70091; Bufile 100-340295.

Submission of Summary Report

A summary report was submitted in this case in order to consolidate the subject's activities in one report in view of her trips outside the United States on behalf of her campaign to obtain the release of her husband, MORTON SOBELL. In addition, numerous references to the subject were examined in order to consider the subject for inclusion on the Security Index.

Security Index (SI)

The subject is not presently carried on the SI of the New York Office and she is not being recommended for the SI in view of the fact that her activities do not bring her within the criteria established for inclusion on the SI.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

Interview of the Subject

The subject has not been interviewed and no interview is being recommended with her. It is noted that in view of her continuing activity to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL, an interview with her could result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

Photograph

A photograph of the subject has been obtained.

Report Classification

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Pretext Calls

The [REDACTED] telephone call on 2/13/58 was made by SA JOHN W. SUNDQUIST [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] telephone call on 9/29/58, was made by SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL and the [REDACTED]

Identity of Investigative Clerk (IC)

The records of the Bronx County Board of Elections were reviewed on 3/14/58, and on 8/28/58, by IC WALTER P. QUIGLEY.

The records of the New York County Marriage License Bureau were reviewed on 8/18/58, by IC JOHN T. LYNCH.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

Translation

The article from the newspaper "Glos Ludowy" was translated by Bureau Translator EDMUND F. LORENTZ.

Identity of Special Agents

It will be noted that instant report contains information furnished to unidentified Special Agents. Where the identity of the agent is known it has been set out.

Case Files of Relatives

LOUIS SOBELL, the subject's husband, now deceased, was the subject of NY 100-124599.

MORTON SOBELL, the subject's son is the subject of NY 100-37158 - Bufile 101-2483.

HELEN SOBELL, the subject's daughter-in-law is the subject of NY 100-109849 - Bufile 100-404849.

LOUIS PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, is the subject of NY 100-96057 - Bufile 100-370348.

MORRIS PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, is the subject of NY 100-52334 - Bufile 100-236265.

FLORENCE PASTERNAK, the subject's sister-in-law, is the subject of NY 100-55806 - Bufile 100-398487.

JOSEPH PASTERNAK, the subject's brother, is the subject of NY 100-108654 - LA 100-36867.

IDA PASTERNAK, the subject's sister-in-law, is the subject of NY 100-95361 - LA 100-36990.

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SA LEROY W. SHEETS Instant report

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SA WILLIAM T. FIELD, JR. Instant report

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T-22 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		b7d	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JOHN A. HAAG WILLIAM J. FORTUNE ROGER O'MARA

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

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JAMES P. HALLERON
ROGER O'MARA
EDWARD G. ASTFALK
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LEROY W. SHEETS

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SAC, New York (100-128869)

October 27, 1958

Director, FBI (100-429455)

ROSE SOBELL
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurlet and report dated 10-10-58.

The Bureau does not concur with the recommendation contained in relet that the subject's activities, as shown in rerep, do not bring her within the criteria established for inclusion in the Security Index (SI).

The Bureau is of the opinion that the subject's subversive activities in the past, together with her subversive activities in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, clearly depict her as a potentially dangerous individual.

You are instructed to submit a Form FD-122 recommending that an SI card be prepared on the subject.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is the mother of Morton Sobell, who was convicted on 3-29-51 for conspiracy to commit espionage and is presently serving a thirty-year sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Subject was reported to have attempted to recruit an individual into the Communist Party (CP) and was described as a CP sympathizer prior to 1940. She attended a CP sponsored reception on 3-2-57. She has traveled throughout the US, Europe, and Mexico in connection with activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. She was reportedly an officer of the afore-mentioned organization as of June, 1958, and was a member of the New York State Sobell Committee.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 11/14/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, nee,
ROSE PASTERNAK, wa.,
Mrs. Louis Sobell
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Reference is made to the summary report of SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL at New York, dated 10/10/58, and Bulet to New York, dated 10/27/58, in captioned matter.

Pursuant to reBulet, an FD 122 is enclosed recommending the subject for inclusion on the SI.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-429455)

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DATE: 11/14/58

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, nee,
ROSE PASTERNAK, wa.,
Mrs. Louis Sobell
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (specify change only):

Name ROSE SOBELL ✓	
Aliases Rose Pasternak ✓ Mrs. Louis Sobell ✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naturalized ✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communist ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race White ✓
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female ✓	
Date of Birth July 30, 1894	Place of Birth Belezerka, Wolyn, Poland
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Housewife	
Classified by 6428 Exempt from GDS, Category 2/17/78 Date of Review Indefinite	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____	
Interested Agencies _____	
Residence Address Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue Bronx, New York	

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
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b7d [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 7/1/58, that as of 6/17/58, the subject was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was a member of the New York State Sobell Committee.

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The subject has been active from 1952 to 6/20/58, in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and/or the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, and local affiliates according to the following informants, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past:

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The subject's activity in connection with the above consisted primarily of attending meetings throughout the U.S. in behalf of the efforts of the various groups to support the drive to obtain the release of her son, MORTON SOBELL, who was convicted on 3/29/51, in the USDC, SDNY, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, and was sentenced on 4/5/51, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date NOV 19 1959	Investigative Period 9/12 - 11/13/59
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

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REFERENCE Summary report of SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL, 10/10/58, New York

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PRETEXT INTERVIEWS

The [redacted] interview on 5/4/59, was conducted by SA JOHN W. SCANNELL [redacted]

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The [redacted] interview on 10/7/59, was conducted by SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL [redacted]

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TRANSLATION

The article in the Mexico City newspaper "Excelsior" was translated by an unknown agent in the office of the Legat, Mexico City, Mexico.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

The subject was personally observed on 10/7/58, by SA JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL and her description is not being reported inasmuch as it is identical with the description set out in the summary report dated 10/10/58.

DOCUMENTATION

The informants who furnished the documentation of the ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Independent Socialist Party are [redacted] and [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

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INFORMANTS CONTD.

Additional informants who furnished negative information are identified as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ROGER O'MARA
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ROGER O'MARA
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JOHN A. HAAG
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	EDWARD G. ASTFALK
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	EDWARD G. ASTFALK
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	EDWARD G. ASTFALK
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	EDWARD G. ASTFALK
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JAMES P. HALLERON
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JAMES P. HALLERON
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JAMES P. HALLERON
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DAVID RYAN
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DAVID RYAN
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DAVID RYAN

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified confidential because (state reason) b7d
it contains information obtained from _____ reflecting FBI coverage of subversive activities in the New York, New York, area. If this information were disclosed it could be prejudicial to the national defense.
8. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
The subject has not been interviewed and no interview is being recommended. It is noted that in view of her continuing activity to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL, an interview with her could result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
her position on the national committee of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as of February, 1959, and has been active during 1959 to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL, imprisoned espionage subject.
11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 His activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Report of: JAMES CHARLES HAEBEL

Office: NEW YORK

Date: NOV 1 1958

File Number: Bureau 100-429455
NY 100-128869

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

A [REDACTED] interview on May 4, 1959, with the subject by a Special Agent of the FBI reflected that the subject presently resided in Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that she was a housewife. U b7c

A [REDACTED] interview on October 7, 1959, with the subject by a Special Agent of the FBI reflected that the subject presently resided in Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that she was a housewife. U b7c

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

Informants, each of whom has some knowledge of CP activities in the metropolitan area of New York, New York, uniformly advised during October, 1959, that they knew of no recent CP activity on the part of the subject.

III. CONNECTION WITH CP
FRONT GROUPS

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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Concerning MORTON SOBELL, he was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. U

IV. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

See appendix. U

Positions of Leadership

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NY T-3 advised on February 11, 1959, that as of February, 1959, the subject was on the national committee of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. U

Domestic Activity

Activity in California

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NY T-5 advised on [REDACTED] that he was in receipt of information during [REDACTED] which reflected that the subject was in attendance at a party held in Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of raising funds for the Sobell Committee [REDACTED] U b7d

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NY T-6 advised on [REDACTED] that he was in receipt of information on [REDACTED] which reflected that the subject was recently a speaker at a gathering held at [REDACTED] for the purpose of raising funds for the release of MORTON SOBELL. U b7d

NY T-7 advised on [REDACTED] that the subject was a speaker at a meeting held at 2:30 p.m. on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] for the purpose of raising funds to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL. U b7d

NY T-7 advised on [REDACTED] that the subject was a speaker at a meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] for the purpose of collecting money for the campaign to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL. U b7d

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Activity in Illinois

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[REDACTED] Lawson YMCA, 30 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JOHN J. CALLAHAN, JR. on October 30, 1958, that on October 25, 26, 1958, Room 410 at the Lawson YMCA was rented to the Sobell Committee. U b7d

[REDACTED] Lawson YMCA, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA CALLAHAN on October 30, 1958, that Lawson YMCA records reflected that ROSE SOBELL, 2400 Davidson Avenue, New York City, New York, had tenancy of Room 449 at the McCormick YWCA, Chicago, Illinois, from 10 p.m. October 24, 1958 through 9:30 a.m. on October 26, 1958. U b7d

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NY T-13 advised on June 23, 1959, that the subject was one of the main speakers at a public meeting held on June 19, 1959, which was sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, at Webster Hall in New York, New York.

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NY T-14 advised on June 23, 1959, that at the above public meeting held on June 19, 1959, at Webster Hall, over \$2,000.00 was collected for the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. U

NY T-15 advised on [redacted] that on [redacted] was in receipt of information which reflected that an individual [redacted] a member of the Bronx County CP and a member of the Bronx Sobell Committee stated during July, 1959, that a Morton Sobell Committee was being formed in Far Rockaway, New York. The information furnished by the informant further reflected that ROSE SOBELL was the most active worker in setting up this Morton Sobell Committee in Far Rockaway, New York. U b7d

NY T-15 advised on [redacted] that the subject was the chairman of an affair held on [redacted] at [redacted] by the Morton Sobell Committee of Far Rockaway. The informant added that the purpose of this affair was to mobilize support and obtain funds for the fight to free MORTON SOBELL. [redacted] U b7d

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Foreign Activity

Activity in Mexico

The "Excelsior," a daily newspaper in Mexico City, Mexico, issue of November 27, 1957, contained an article which reflected that ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, had visited Mexico City, Mexico, and had consulted with LUIS SANCHEZ TONTON, who had been retained as an attorney by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL for her husband, MORTON SOBELL.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Independent-Socialist Party

See appendix concerning Independent-Socialist Party, aka United Independent Socialist Committee.

NY T-19 furnished on April 24, 1959, a copy of the New York State Nominating Petition for the Independent-Socialist Party for the November, 1958, New York State election. Included on this petition as a signer was ROSE SOBELL, 2400 Davidson, Bronx 67, New York.

APPENDIX

UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE,
Formerly known as the
Independent-Socialist Party

A confidential source advised in June, 1958, that the Independent-Socialist Party (I-SP) was organized at conferences held on June 13 - 15, 1958, in New York City.

Another confidential source advised in October, 1958, that the I-SP had as its ultimate aim the establishment of a national labor party.

The "Militant" issue of February 2, 1959, in a front page article entitled, "N.Y. Socialists discuss Possibilities for 1960," related in part that the Independent-Socialist Party, at a meeting held in New York City on January 24, 1959, had voted unanimously to continue activities as the United Independent-Socialist Committee (UI-SC).

Early in February, 1959, the first mentioned confidential source reported that at the January 24, 1959, meeting of the I-SP the following proposals for future activity were adopted:

1. Establishment of a permanent committee to be called the United Independent-Socialist Committee.
2. Establishment of a sub-committee to study the possibilities of running a campaign in 1960 which committee would report back to a conference to be called in the fall (of 1959) at which time a decision would be reached on whether or not to attempt a 1960 campaign.

In the meantime, between January, 1959, and the fall of 1959, the UI-SC would engage in struggles of the left and would participate in the fight for "peace, co-existence, civil liberties and civil rights, and support the struggles of colored peoples and the struggle for passports, etc."

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UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE,
Formerly known as the
Independent-Socialist Party (CONT'D)

According to the first mentioned confidential source the UI-SC would issue a newsletter from time to time to keep its membership informed of developments within the UI-SC.

Early in May, 1959, the first mentioned confidential source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was then the dominant group in the UI-SC. The confidential source stated that because the SWP is the largest single organized group active in the UI-SC, and because it is favored by other smaller, more loosely organized groups within the UI-SC, the SWP is in a position from which it can direct and control activities of the UI-SC.

The headquarters of the UI-SC are located at 799 Broadway, New York City.

The "Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon NORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: ROSE SOBELL
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James Charles Haebel at New York, dated and captioned as above.

All informants utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

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 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Mr. W.C. Sullivan _____
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 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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(SOBELL)

MRS. ROSE SOBELL, MOTHER OF CONVICTED SPY MORTON SOBELL, SAID TODAY SHE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO SEE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGERS TO MAKE A HOLIDAY SEASON APPEAL FOR HER SON'S PAROLE.

MRS. SOBELL, 65, OF THE BRONX, N. Y., TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SHE WAS TURNED DOWN LAST WEEK IN A SIMILAR BID TO TALK TO WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS ABOUT HER SON'S CASE.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT MRS. SOBELL SOUGHT AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE SAID THE U. S. PAROLE BOARD WAS NOT CONSIDERING THE SOBELL CASE NOW BECAUSE HE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE UNTIL AUG. 4, 1962.

"I WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO ONE OF THE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ASK THEM TO INTERCEDE IN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON ON BEHALF OF MY SON," MRS. SOBELL SAID.

SOBELL, 42, WAS CONVICTED IN 1951 OF CONSPIRING TO STEAL U. S. RADAR SECRETS FOR RUSSIA. HIS CO-DEFENDANTS, ATOMIC SPIES JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG, WERE PUT TO DEATH. SOBELL RECEIVED A 30-YEAR SENTENCE, WHICH HE IS SERVING OUT AT ATLANTA PENITENTIARY.

SOBELL'S WIFE ASKED PERMISSION LAST SPRING TO VISIT HIM IN PRISON IN ORDER TO CONCEIVE A CHILD. THIS REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN. THE COUPLE ALREADY HAS TWO CHILDREN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The [REDACTED] mentioned in the report is a [REDACTED] telephone call made by SA [REDACTED] using a television poll [REDACTED] **b7c**

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Informants who were contacted in December, 1960,
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the subject are:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
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5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information received from _____ concerning activities of the subject in connection with the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, if this were disclosed to unauthorized persons, it could possibly jeopardize the identity of this valuable source thereby hampering FBI investigation and thus be injurious to national defense.
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) the subject has not been interviewed and no interview is being recommended. It is noted that in view of her continuing activity to obtain the freedom of her son, MORTON SOBELL, an interview with her could result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) as of July, 1960, she was co-chairman of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, as reported by _____ (Instant report, Page 3 & 5.)
11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Field Office File No.:

New York 100-128869

Bureau File No.: 100-429455

Title:

ROSE SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides, Apt. 12, 2400 Davidson Ave., Bronx, NY, and is a housewife. Subject active 1959 and 1960, in connection with activities to obtain support and funds to effect release of her son, MORTON SOBELL from Federal Penitentiary. Subject co-chairman Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, July, 1960. Additional informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area, were contacted in December, 1960, and advised they could furnish no information concerning subject.

DETAILS:

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Classified by 428
Exempt from GDS
Date of Declassification Indefinite
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I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On December 21, 1960, it was determined through a [Redacted] by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that the subject resides in Apartment 12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that she is a housewife.

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II. ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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For characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL see appendix.

Concerning MORTON SOBELL, he was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald", daily newspaper published in Washington, DC, in its edition on January 22, 1960, Page A14, contained the following article under the section "Letters to the Editor":

"Plea for SOBELL

"As the mother of MORTON SOBELL, certain not only of my son's goodness but of his absolute innocence of any crime, I wish to thank the more than 700 clergymen of all faiths who have signed the appeal to President EISENHOWER, calling for a new trial or freedom for my son.

" The appeal was initiated by Rev. PETER MC CORMACK, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, who became convinced of my son's innocence during the years he came to know my son very intimately, at Alcatraz.

"It is unthinkable that in our democratic America a man could be in his tenth year in prison on the vague and uncorroborated word of only one witness.

"And aren't ordinary doubts compounded when we realize that the trial took place midst Korean wartime hysteria, which was a time of great tensions, and that the testimony of this sole witness was never reviewed by any court in the land?

"I am hopeful that our President, motivated by the same high ideals of justice and humanity which inspired these wonderful clergymen, will listen to their appeal and free my son, for those people who look into this case can't help but feel the grave injustice done to my son. If the public would only study the case and make its views known to the President, I am sure I'd see my son home again soon, restored to his family where he belongs. ROSE SOBELL. The Bronx, N.Y."

NY T-10 advised on January 28, 1960, that on that day the subject was in Washington, DC, and had been working for her son's release from prison.

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NY T-4 advised on [redacted] that on [redacted] ROSE SOBELL spoke at the National SOBELL Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, held at [redacted]. She said that the case of MORTON SOBELL is not just a family situation, and that this Committee is not here just to help his mother or wife, but that it is a national issue that involves all the people in our country, an issue of injustice, and that we must get our leaders in government to admit this injustice. U

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NY T-1 advised on July 18, 1960, that as of that day the names of ROSE and HELEN SOBELL appeared on the stationery of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, as chairmen, and that they traveled extensively to raise funds and interest people in the case. U

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Additional informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December 1960, and advised that they could furnish no information concerning subject.

APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



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New York, New York

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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(SOBELL)

WASHINGTON--MRS. ROSE SOBELL STAGED A PROTEST SITDOWN ON THE SNOW-COVERED GROUND NEAR A WHITE HOUSE GATE TODAY BUT WAS IGNORED BY POLICE.

THE 67-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF CONVICTED ATOM SPY MORTON SOBELL TOLD POLICE SHE WANTED TO BE ARRESTED. SHE SPREAD A NEWSPAPER ON THE FROZEN GROUND IN FRONT OF THE NORTHWEST GATE AND PLUMPED HERSELF DOWN FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, BLOCKING THE ENTRANCE.

POLICE LET HER SIT AND A SHORT TIME LATER SHE WALKED AWAY WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SHE WAS GOING TO LUNCH "BUT I'LL BE BACK."

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Mrs. Sobell's Picketing Fails to Disturb Police

By the Associated Press

Mrs. Rose Sobell did her best to get arrested at the White House yesterday, even sitting down in a driveway and blocking traffic.

But patient police, aided by subfreezing temperatures, outlasted the 67-year-old mother of convicted spy Morton Sobell. After 40 minutes of "peaceful civil disobedience" in front of the White House, she stalked away in disgust.

Mrs. Sobell had announced earlier that she would stage a demonstration in an effort to see President Kennedy. There have been a number of similar demonstrations by Mrs. Sobell, her daughter-in-law and others seeking freedom for Morton Sobell.

Sobell is serving 30 years on conviction as a member of the spy ring which included Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed for theft of atomic secrets for Russia.

Promptly at 11 a.m., as announced, Mrs. Sobell began picketing in front of the West entrance to the White House. This in itself was a violation of the law since pickets are required to stay away from entrances.

Police ignored her. Then Mrs. Sobell sat on the

ledge by the iron picket fence next to the gate. Police again ignored her.

Next she slipped through the gate when it was opened for other business, and headed for the White House. Three White House policemen blocked the way, then escorted her out of the gate and shut it behind her.

As a last effort before quitting, Mrs. Sobell sat down at the center of the gateway and leaned against the gate so that nothing could pass through.

This time police were about to move her, but before they acted she again got too cold, got up and walked away.



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—News Photo by Bill Beall

MOTHER'S SITDOWN—Mrs. Rose Sobell, 67, mother of convicted atomic spy Morton Sobell, yesterday tried unsuccessfully to see President Kennedy about commuting her son's sentence. Courteously but firmly, police closed the West gate after halting Mrs. Sobell's determined march on the White House. She staged a chilly sitdown for five minutes before District Police Lieut. Charles Murphy, left, talked her into getting up. "There is only one thing in life that has meaning to me . . . to see my innocent son, Morton, a free man," she said. "If my actions are a violation of the rules, I am ready to spend my days in jail. At least I will be sharing in some small way in my son's long ordeal, and President Kennedy will know of a mother's anguish." Her son is serving his 12th year of a 30-year sentence. He was convicted in the Rosenberg case.

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A mother's plea for Morton Sobell is rebuffed

When 67-year-old Rose Sobell attempted for 40 minutes in sub-freezing weather Jan. 10 to get into the White House in Washington to plead for her imprisoned son Morton Sobell, she was blocked by special police. Mrs. Sobell sought an opportunity to present the case for release of "my innocent son, Morton Sobell" from his 30-year sentence on an espionage charge. After she slipped through the White House gate, police blocked the way and forced her to leave. Mrs. Sobell had announced that she would "undertake a public action of peaceful civil disobedience" because her son "remains unjustly imprisoned."

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 12/29/60 at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information furnished by NY T-4 indicates that the subject occasionally receives money designated as salary from the CSJMS.

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While it appears that the subject is an official of the CSJMS and does considerable work and travel on behalf of this organization and her son, and that she does receive money occasionally from the organization, there is no indication at this time that she is a regularly paid employee or even a part-time employee of the CSJMS. For this reason her employment is being continued as housewife.

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New York Trust Co.,
5th Ave. and 20th St.,
NY, NY

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The following informants were contacted with negative results:

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

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4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified confidential because (state reason)

_____ it contains information furnished by _____ and _____. If this were disclosed it could possibly reveal the identities of the informants and seriously hamper the investigation of subversive matters. This would be injurious to the national defense. 61

8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

she is the mother of convicted atom spy MORTON SOBELL, and because of her activities on his behalf it is felt that an interview might result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
as of 1/5/60, subject was co-chairman of the CSJMS and because of her activities on behalf of the CSJMS through 1/10/62. (Instant report)

11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
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Office: New York, New York

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Title:

ROSE SOBELL

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

The subject resides in apartment A12, 2400 Davidson Ave., Bronx, NY, and is a housewife. The subject attended and/or participated in affairs of the CSJMS during the period November 19, 1950 through January 3, 1962, and was scheduled to picket the White House on January 10, 1962.

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AS OF JANU-
ary 5, 1960, the subject was co-chairman of the CSJMS.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence:

On December 14, 1961 [REDACTED]

2400 Davidson

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Avenue, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that the subject then resided in apartment A12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York.

B. Employment:

On January 4, 1962, NY T-1 advised that the subject was then a housewife.

C. Status of Health:

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)
AND CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

A. Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS):

A characterization of the CSJMS and of MORTON SOBELL is contained in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

On [REDACTED] NY T-2 advised that the subject attended a reception and banquet sponsored by the CSJMS and held [REDACTED] b2

NY T-2 said that at this affair the subject spoke and stated that she knew her son was innocent.

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On April 26, 1961, NY T-4 made available information which reflected that the subject received \$25.90 from the CSJMS on March 31, 1961.

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Information furnished by NY T-4 is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding, following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

On May 26, 1961 and on June 27, 1961, NY T-4 made available information which reflected that on April 27, 1961 and on June 9, 1961 the subject received \$25.90 on each date from the CSJMS and that it was indicated that these amounts were for salary.

On [REDACTED] NY T-5 advised that as of [REDACTED] the subject was reportedly on the west coast making a series of fund-raising speeches for the CSJMS in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

NY T-5 also made available information which reflected that as of January 5, 1960 the subject was co-chairman of the CSJMS.

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NY T-1 said that the subject spoke at this session and referred to her son, MORTON SOBELL, as a "jewel among humanity".

On November 2, 1961 the subject was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be among a group of about fourteen persons representing themselves as members of the CSJMS, who were picketing the Hotel Carlyle, New York, New York, where President JOHN F. KENNEDY was then staying.

On November 16, 1961 the subject was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to be among a group of about forty individuals representing themselves to be members of the CSJMS, who were picketing the United Nations' Building, New York, New York, on that date.

B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born: (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

During October and November, 1961 other sources, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted but were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject's activities.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



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New York, New York

January 23, 1962

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Title Rose Sobell

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Reference is made to the report of Special
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No information is as yet available as to the nature of the activities planned in the above cities; however, they will probably take the form of rallies, picket lines, etc., in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. It is noted that ROSE and HELEN SOBELL recently led a picket line at the Federal Building in Los Angeles demanding clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

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SAC, New York (100-128869)

November 8, 1962

Director, FBI (100-429455)

- 1 - Mr. Rampton
- 1 - Mr. Higgins
- 1 - Mr. Haack
- 1 - Mr. Krupinsky

ROSE SOBELL
SECURITY MATTER - C

10/26/62
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Reurlet (FD-122) dated 10/26/62 disclosing that the subject's business address and residence are unknown.

In view of the subject's notoriously active participation in the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, the Bureau feels that her residence and employment should be resolved at the earliest date.

A review of the subject's file discloses that there is some indication that the subject has moved from New York to Los Angeles and if you have not already done so, insure that the necessary leads are set forth to the interested offices.

Follow this matter closely and upon verification of her current residence and employment submit the necessary FD-122 containing such.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name is included in SI. She is the mother of Morton Sobell who was convicted on 3/29/51 for conspiracy to commit espionage and is currently serving a 30-year sentence in Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. In view of the subject's numerous participations in public demonstrations we should closely follow her residence and employment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 12/27/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

1-28-63 0-1-NY(10)
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ReBulet 11/8/62.

b7d [redacted] Inspector's Office, Main Post Office, NYC, advised SA [redacted] on 10/25/62, that the subject had posted a removal notice to 379 Congress St., New Milford, N.J. U b7c

The Newark Office advised that on 11/21/62, [redacted] b7d [redacted] U.S. Post Office, New Milford, N.J., advised the carrier covering the above address had stated that ROSE SOBELL, in the recent past, has received mail at that address, which is a one family house. U

Newark advises that the Bergen County Telephone Directory lists JESSE CRYSTALL at 379 Congress St., New Milford, N.J., and that their indices contain no identifiable information concerning him. U

Informants of the NYO have placed subject in NYC recently and refer to her presence on the west coast as a "trip", probably to raise funds. U n

NYO is carefully following this matter to establish subject's residence. U

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- 1 - New York (100-128869)

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SUBJECT ROSE SOBELL

SERIAL 12 DATE 1-23-63

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety,
under (b)(1) as it has been classified pursuant
to Executive Order 11652 as it contains
information which would disclose an intelligence
source. This serial bears the Classification
Officers number ~~2076~~

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JAN 23 1963	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/17/62-1/10/63
TITLE OF CASE ROSE SOBELL aka <i>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)</i>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY np
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	b7c
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DATE 1/24/63 Post-d 1-29-63
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REFERENCE
 Report of SA **[REDACTED]** at NY, 1/23/62.

ADMINISTRATIVE
 -P- Classified by 4-4
 Exempt from GDS, Category 2
 Date of Declassification Indefinite

The SAS observing the subject 10/17/62, are SA **[REDACTED]** and SA **[REDACTED]** **b7c**

Concerning the subject's forwarding address to 379 Congress Street, New Milford, NJ, leads have been set out by letter for the Newark Office to attempt to verify the subject's presence there. It is not known whether she is actually living there or using it as a place to get her mail. Newark has not been able to verify her presence there as of this time and is currently attempting to do so. If her presence there is verified, NY will submit FD-128 changing office of origin.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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AGENCY	Copy to: CIA/State/RAO	<i>[Handwritten notes]</i>
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DATE FWD.	by routing slip for info.	
HOW FWD.	Date 2/3/63 by EJA/TB	

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NY 100-128869

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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NY T-2

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NY T-3

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Used to characterize LASC.

NY T-4

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[REDACTED]
Chemical Bank New York
Trust Company,
5th Avenue and 20th Street
NYC
(Request)

Informants mentioned in the report who were contacted with negative results are:

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

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LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will advise Bureau of the results of the lead set out for Newark by letter concerning the subject's residence. If subject's residence is verified in Newark area NY will submit FD-128.

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information received from _____ and _____
 _____ If this were disclosed to unauthorized individuals it could possibly jeopardize the identities of these valuable sources, thereby hampering FBI investigation and thus be injurious to national defense. 6/67d
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she is the mother of convicted atom spy MORTON SOBELL and because of her notoriously active participation in the CSJMS. It is felt an interview could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
 on 1/5/60, subject was Chairman of the CSJMS and because of her notoriously active participation in the CSJMS. (Report of SA _____ 1/23/62, at NY, and instant report.)
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11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of:
Date:

[Redacted]

Office: New York, New York

JAN 23 1963

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Field Office File No.: 100-128869

Bureau File No.: 100-429455

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject formerly resided 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, NY, and left forwarding address of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, NJ. Subject participated in numerous activities of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in NY and in various cities on the West Coast of the US during 1962. Additional informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area were contacted in December, 1962 and January, 1963, at which time they advised they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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Exempt from GDS Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

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NY 100-128869

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

NY T-1 advised on October 25, 1962, that the subject, who formerly resided at 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York, had recently moved and left a forwarding address of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey. U

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)



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A characterization of the CSJMS and of MORTON SOBELL is contained in the Appendix.

The following appeared in an editorial in the "Morning Freiheit" on January 14, 1962, page 8, columns 1 and 2:

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"The Anguish Of A Despairing Mother

"Day after day, in front of the White House, there is picketing by the mother of Morton Sobell, who has been languishing behind for 12 years, on a 30 year jail sentence, which was handed down as the result of an exaggerated charge of espionage at the time of Mc Carthy hysteria in the country.

"The bitter cold during the past few days did not stop Mrs. Rose Sobell, mother of this victim of hysteria, from keeping her watch in front of the White House and from demanding the liberation of her son, or that he receive a new trial.

"In a statement to the press, Mrs. Sobell emphasized that thousands of prominent personalities in this country and abroad have questioned the course of the trial of Morton Sobell and the sentence he received.

"From all corners of the country there are demands that Morton Sobell be freed. There are cries of anguish from his mother, his wife and his children, who beg for justice. This cry should be heard!"

The "Morning Freiheit" is characterized in the Appendix attached hereto.

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NY T-3 advised on May 4, 1961, that the LASC is the Los Angeles, California affiliate of the CSJMS. The CSJMS is characterized in the Appendix. U

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NY T-3 advised on April 4, 1962, that on March 26, 1962, ROSE SOBELL participated in a "Sobell March" in Los Angeles, California. This was a function of the LASC. U

NY T-4, on April 2, 1962, described the March 26, 1962 function of the LASC as a picket line in front of the Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, and this source also stated that ROSE SOBELL participated in this function. U

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NY T-5, on [redacted] also advised that ROSE SOBELL was in attendance at the [redacted] function of the LASC.

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NY T-2 advised on October 1, 1962, that on September 23, 1962, the subject was present at the National Conference of the CSJMS at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

On October 17, 1962, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed ROSE SOBELL participating in a picket line established by the CSJMS at 43rd Street and 1st Avenue, New York, New York, across the street from the entrance to the United Nations Headquarters.

NY T-7 made available information on September 26, 1962, which reflects that on August 23, 1962, ROSE SOBELL was the payee of a check in the amount of \$25.86 drawn on the account of the CSJMS.

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The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The person to whom the subpoena should be addressed is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 5th Avenue and 20th Street, New York, New York.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Additional informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December, 1962, and January, 1963, and advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 9, 1962, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized * * * the founding of' the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.' .
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAN 23 1963

New York 100-128869

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Title Rose Sobell

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated and
captioned as above, at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, *Archie Pock*

(Your file *100-128867*) DATE: *1-25-63*

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial *100-429455*)
(Room No. *83123*)

SUBJECT: *Rose Sobell*
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Post & destroy
5/1/63

1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

2. Date letter submitted
 report will be submitted

Rep submitted 1-23-63

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution

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(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-429455)

DATE: 2/20/63

FROM : SAC NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

3/4/63

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Newark Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Newark Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

379 Congress Street

New Milford, New Jersey

Business address

Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index of the Seat of Government. The Newark Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- [REDACTED] has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify) NYreps 10/10/58, 11/19/59, 12/29/60, 1/23/62, 1/23/63.
- Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
 - Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
 - None available.
 - Previously furnished.

Registered Mail

cc:

Enclosure(s)

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- 3 - Bureau (100-429455) (RM) New York preparing RUC report.
(1 - Identification Division)
- 2 - Newark (100-43843) (Encl. 12) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-128869)

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **803 628 C**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
CSC	Rose Sobell #--	7-27-43		
Passaic Co B. of I Co Jail Paterson NJ	Rose Sobell #DW-89540	applicant 5-25-44		<p><i>8-3</i> <i>10-3</i> <i>0-1 to 11-9 to 12-10</i> <i>12-10/10-5 WPH/lccg</i></p>
			<p><i>file 5-31-44</i></p>	<p><i>KEITH HUSARY</i></p>
			<p><i>sub. Kov</i></p>	
			<p><i>100-429455</i></p>	
			<p>NOT RECORDED</p>	
			<p>8 MAR 21 1963</p>	

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.**

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **828 628 C**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>Residences: In 1930-1940 - 646 St Anns Ave Bronx NY In 1943 - 5618 Catherine St Phila Pa In 1944 - 642 Concord Ave Bronx NYC (as on prt #DW-89640)</p> <p>Companies: In 1943 - War Ordnance Frankford Arsenal Phila Pa Position: Under checker dist syst In 1944 - Wright Aeronautical Corporation (as on prt #DW-89640) Applicant for blueprint trimmer-defense worker</p> <p>Copy of record was furnished FBI NY NY as maybe identical 3-24-58.</p> <p>[REDACTED] ^{B-7E} was posted 2-10-59 as identical in behalf of FBI NY NY. Their file #100-128869, Bu file #100-429455. Their caption: ROSE SOBELL, AKA SM-C</p> <p>Fingerprint Classification:</p> <p>18 L 25 W 000 16 M 1 U 000</p> <p>Subject's fingerprint file does not contain a photograph.</p>			

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON 25 D.C.

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED / RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p align="center"><i>b7E</i></p> <p align="center">[REDACTED]</p>	<p align="center">①</p>	<p align="center">①</p>	<p>Rose Sobell, aka Rose Pasternak, Mrs Louis Sobell (FBI #828 628 C) Any information or inquiry received refer one copy of record to Subversive Control Section Domestic Intell Div and two copies to BFD Newark their file #100-43843 per inf rec BFD New York 3-1-63. Bu file #100-429455.</p>

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
CC- FBI Newark NJ	/			
CC- Subv Contr Sec Dom Intell Div				

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

FROM : *Crub*
ofe SAC, NEWARK (100-43843)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, aka
SM - C
(OO: Newark)

DATE: 5/1/63

Re Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/23/63 at New York.
New York letter to the Bureau dated 2/20/63.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, the Newark Office, since receipt of the FD-128, has not been able to verify the subject's residence at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

The following investigation was conducted to ascertain her current residence:

On 3/26/63, [redacted] New Milford, New Jersey, Post Office, (T-informant by request) advised that the postal carrier covering the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, confirmed that the subject continues to receive mail at this address; however, the postal carrier advised that he has never actually observed the subject.

On 4/17/63, [redacted] identified above, advised that he had again contacted the postal carrier covering the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, but was unable to obtain any information from him to confirm the residence of the subject at this address.

On 3/28/63, 4/3/63, 4/5/63, 4/9/63, 4/16/63, and 4/17/63, observations were conducted in the neighborhood of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, but the subject was not observed.

On 4/5/63, [redacted] New Milford, New Jersey, Police Department, an established source of the Newark Office, advised that he was acquainted with JESSE CRYSTALL, registered owner of address 379 Congress Street.

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He stated that CRYSTALL is on the School Bus Committee in New Milford, and he characterized him as a "loud mouth" type of individual. CRYSTALL is employed at the Pyrometer Instrument Company in Bergenfield, New Jersey.

[REDACTED] stated he learned that CRYSTALL's wife is normally employed as a school teacher in Brooklyn, New York, but that she has been home on maternity leave. He stated on this date that to his knowledge, the subject did not reside with the CRYSTALLS at 379 Congress Street. He stated that to his knowledge, the only additional person in the house is a girl who comes to do general housekeeping.

[REDACTED] b7d
On 4/16/63, [REDACTED] advised that although he was not 100% positive from the information he has gathered, it definitely does not appear as if the subject resides at 379 Congress Street.

[REDACTED] b7d
In addition, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has spot checked the residence on various occasions since 4/5/63, but on no occasion has observed the subject.

[REDACTED] b2d
In view of the above information, New York is requested to contact all logical informants, particularly those acquainted with the subject's activities in connection with the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, for information leading to the whereabouts of the subject inasmuch as the possibility exists she is using the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, as only a mailing address.

NK 100-43843

Newark will maintain contact with established sources for information leading to the whereabouts of the subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEWARK	DATE 1 1963	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/23 - 5/6/63
TITLE OF CASE ROSE SOBELL aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ml
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	b7c

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REFERENCE:

FD 128 dated 2/20/63, at NY.

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INFORMANTS:

NY T-1
[REDACTED]
 U.S. Post Office
 New Milford, NJ

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NY T-2
[REDACTED]
 Main Post Office
 NYC

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Informants who were contacted with negative results are:

Informant

Date Contacted

By Special Agent

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: MAY 9 1953

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Field Office File No.: 100-128869

Bureau File No.: 100-429455

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED SYNOPSIS]

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NY 100-128869

Details:

I BACKGROUND

Residence:

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New York T-2, advised on October 25, 1962, that the subject had moved from apartment A-12, 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York.

III AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

CP Front Group:

IV MISCELLANEOUS

Additional informants, who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in New York City area were contacted in April 1963, and advised they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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New York, New York

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Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REFERENCE:

FD 128 dated 2/20/63, at NY.

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INFORMANTS:

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U.S. Post Office
New Milford, NJ

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NY T-2

Main Post Office
NYC

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FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-43843) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, aka.
SM - C
(OO: NEWARK)

DATE: 6/17/63

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Re Newark letter dated 5/1/63, and report of SA [redacted] at New York dated 5/9/63.

On 5/8/63, [redacted] USPO, New Milford, New Jersey, advised that he had learned from the carrier covering the address 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, that the subject continues to receive mail at this address, and that he had seen her recently at this address. At this time, she appeared to the carrier to be baby-sitting.

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Observations were conducted in the neighborhood of 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey on 4/29/63, 5/2/63, 5/7/63, 5/22/63, and 5/31/63, but the subject was not observed.

On 5/7/63, [redacted] New Milford, New Jersey Police Department, advised that he had learned that the subject had been scheduled recently for a cataract operation, however, he did not learn the name of the hospital or physician treating her.

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On 5/7/63, the records of the Hackensack Hospital Association, 22 Hospital Place, Hackensack, New Jersey, the Holy Name Hospital, 718 Teaneck Road, Hackensack, New Jersey, the Pascack Valley Hospital, Oak Road, Westwood, New Jersey, and the Riverdell Hospital, 576 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, New Jersey were checked, but did not disclose that the subject was then a patient.

Referenced report disclosed that the subject was hospitalized for a cataract operation in St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, the week of 1/14/63.

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New York is requested to check the records of St. Vincent's Hospital for the period 1/14/63, and secure from them the address given by the subject at that time. In view of the information given above by [REDACTED] it is possible that she was a patient there for a second time subsequent to the week of 1/14/63.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: [Handwritten initials]
FROM: [Handwritten initials]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 8/16/63

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka
SM - C
(OO:NEWARK)

Re Newark letter to Director dated 6/17/63. U

On 8/14/63, [redacted] b7d
Medical Records Center, St. Vincent's Hospital, 7th Avenue and b7c
11th Street, NYC, advised SA [redacted] that their file
number 074437 reflected that one ROSE SOBELL was admitted to
the hospital on 2/3/63 and discharged on 2/15/63. She advised
that SOBELL was in the hospital for treatment of eyes and
listed her address as 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, NY 33, NY. N.M.
She listed under nearest relatives a daughter BEVERLY CRYSTAL SOBELL
phone number 201-CO 1-7647 and a daughter-in-law HELEN SOBELL,
20 Charlton Street, NYC, phone number WA 9-9061. [redacted]
advised further that her records reflected that subject was also b7d
a patient at the hospital from 3/10/63 to 3/22/63, at which time
she gave the same home address and same relatives with the
exception that a business phone number for daughter-in-law
HELEN SOBELL was listed as AL 4-9983.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will verify subject's address.

- 2-Bureau (100-429455) (RM)
- 2-Newark (100-43843) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-128869)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455) DATE: 8/22/63

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-43843) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, Aka.
SM - C
(OO: NEWARK)

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Re Newark letter 6/17/63.

For the information of the Bureau, and New York, information has been developed by the Newark Office indicating that the subject makes her permanent residence at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

[REDACTED] New Milford, New Jersey, Post Office, who handles the route covering 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey, has in the past been shown a photograph of the subject and alerted to her possible presence at this address. He has advised that he has lately seen her in and about this residence, that she continues to receive mail here, and he is positive that this is her permanent address.

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New York is requested to expedite lead set forth in relet. Upon receipt of information from New York, the Newark Office will consider proper disposition of this case.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-128869) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Newark

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455) 10/3/63

FROM : *Rub* SAC, NEWARK (100-43843) P

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, aka
SM - C
(OO: NEWARK)

Re New York letter 8/16/63.

Referenced New York letter disclosed that subject's home address is 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York 33, New York.

Upon verification of the above address, the Newark Office will submit proper FD 128.

2 - Bureau RM
1 - New York (100-128869) (Info) RM
1 - Newark
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO: [Handwritten initials]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 10/29/63

FROM: [Handwritten initials]

SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

ROSE SOBELL aka
SM-C
(OO: NK)

Re Nk letter to Director, 10/3/63.,

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On 10/25/63, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted the residence of 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, phone number WA 3-5697, which is listed in NY telephone directory to ROSE SOBELL. SA [redacted] used the [redacted] and talked to an unidentified female who stated that ROSE SOBELL was not at home but would be home later and could be contacted concerning any business either at night or before 8:30 in the morning.

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LEAD

NEWARK

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. Will submit FD 128 and appropriate serial.

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2-Newark
1-New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-429455)

DATE: 11/29/63

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-43843) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, aka.
SM - C

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11/29/63

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

142 Laurel Hill Terrace

New York 33, New York

Business address

Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- [Redacted] has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify) **New York in possession of all pertinent serials**
- Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
 - Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
 - None available.
 - Previously furnished.

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- 3 Bureau (RM)
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- 2 New York (100-128869) (Enc. 2) (RM REC-40)
- 1 Newark
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 2/19/64

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka
SM - C

Re FD-128 dated 11/29/63.

The case on the above-captioned individual has been kept in a pending status in view of the fact that the subject's SI card shows her employment as unknown.

Numerous attempts have been made during January and February, 1964, to interview the subject under suitable pretext to determine her employment. In this regard, it is not believed the subject is regularly employed inasmuch as she never has been. She apparently spends much of her time travelling around the country in an effort to raise funds to facilitate the release of her son, MORTON SOBELL, from prison.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as furnished on 2/12/64, by [redacted] to IC [redacted] reflected no information bearing upon the subject's employment.

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The records of [redacted] as furnished to SA [redacted] on 2/17/64, reflected no information identifiable with the subject. *b7c, d*

The NYO will continue to determine the subject's employment.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL, Aka.
SM - C

DATE: April 30, 1964

ReNYlet dated 2/19/64.

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A [redacted] interview with the subject on April 14, 1964 by a SA of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflected that the subject is not regularly employed and is a housewife.

An FD-122 is being submitted to the Bureau making the necessary changes in her Security Index card.

This case is being kept in a pending status in order to prepare an annual report on the subject's activities.

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1 - New York
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TO: Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-429455)

DATE: 5/4/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
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Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
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Add: Part time Saleslady, Thrift Shop 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		100-429455
Residence Address		NOT RECORDED
		MAY 20 1964

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1-New York

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New York, New York
May 21, 1964

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New York 100-128869

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DATE 2/21/78 ep/amy

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 5/25/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/6 - 5/25/64
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

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Report of SA [REDACTED] NY, 5/9/63.

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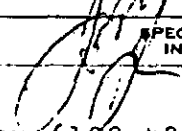
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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Number where located

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Fifth Ave. and 20th St.,
New York, NY

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Informants who could furnish no information regarding the subject are identified as follows:

NY 100-128869

1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
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she is the mother of MORTON SOBELL, convicted of Espionage and presently incarcerated. It is believed subject would use an interview with her to attempt to embarrass the Bureau inasmuch as she has been very active in trying to obtain the release of her son from jail.

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on 1/5/60, she was Chairman of the CSJMS and due to her notoriously active participation in the CSJMS. (Report of SA [REDACTED] 1/23/62 at NY).

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10. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
- Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: [REDACTED]

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Field Office File #: 100-128869

Bureau File #: 100-429455

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, NY, and is a housewife with part-time employment at the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Ave., New York, NY. Subject attended meetings of the Committee To Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in 1963. She attended Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties Buffet as well as "National Guardian" luncheon in 1964. Informants advised during April 1964, they could furnish no information regarding the subject.

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Details:

~~Classification~~ 64-28 2/21/78
~~Exempt from~~ Category ?
~~Date of Declassification~~ Indefinite

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

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A [REDACTED] interview by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 25, 1963 reflected that the subject presently resided at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York.

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A [REDACTED] interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on April 14, 1964 reflected the subject was a housewife and that she presently resided at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE 1/29/78 EWR/awt

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A [REDACTED] interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on May 8, 1964 reflected the subject was a housewife who worked part-time at the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York and that she resided at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York.

Status of Health

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Medical Records Center, St. Vincents Hospital, Seventh Avenue and 11th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [REDACTED] b7c on August 14, 1963 that their file 074437 reflected that ROSE SOBELL was admitted to the hospital on February 3, 1963 and discharged on February 15, 1963 and admitted on March 10, 1963 and discharged March 22, 1963 for treatment of her eyes.

II. CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY
(CP) FRONT GROUPS

Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)

See Appendix regarding the CSJMS.

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NY T-1 and NY T-3 through NY T-7 inclusive advised during June, 1963, that the subject was in attendance at a rally which was held on June 19, 1963 at Carnegie Hall, 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, which was sponsored by the CSJMS. At this rally the subject made an appeal for money for the CSJMS. U

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NY T-8 advised on March 27, 1964 that the subjects name appeared as the payee on a check dated March 6, 1964 in the amount of \$25.00 which was drawn on the account of the CSJMS.

The information furnished by NY T-8 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCCL)

See Appendix regarding the CCCL.

NY T-9 advised on March 18, 1964, that the subject was in attendance at a buffet sponsored by the CCCL which was held on March 15, 1964 at 27 Union Square, West, New York, New York.

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"National Guardian"

See Appendix regarding the "National Guardian" U

NY T-2 advised on April 21, 1964, that the subject was in attendance at the Second Annual luncheon of the "National Guardian" which was held on April 14, 1964 at the Essex House, New York, New York. U

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants each of whom has some knowledge of CP activities in the metropolitan area of New York, New York, uniformly advised during April, 1964, that they could furnish no information regarding the subject. U

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APPENDIX

STERNBERG COMMITTEE FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

- "1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties," are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.'

'* * * The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.'

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

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APPENDIX

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 16, 1963, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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New York, New York

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File No.

Bureau 100-429455
New York 100-128869

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Title Rose Sobell

Character Security Matter-C

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent [redacted] at New York, dated
and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 5/2/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/6 - 5/25/64
TITLE OF CASE ROSE SOBELL aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mmh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** NY, 5/9/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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NY T-6 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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- Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-429455) DATE: 7/7/65

FROM : SAC. NEW YORK (100-128869)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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7/14/65

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Aliases	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race _____ Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)	
Housewife, Part-time Saleslady, Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number _____	Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____	100-429455
Residence Address _____	NOT RECORDED
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2-Bureau (RM)
1-New York

FXG/cmc
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CONTROL

M. E. ROSE

REGISTERED MAIL



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 7, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

BUfile 100-429455
NYfile 100-128869

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 5/21/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Housewife, Part-time Saleslady, Helen Sobell
Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, New York

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/16/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/28-7/6/65
TITLE OF CASE ROSE SOBELL aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ljs
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	b7c

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** at NY,
dated 6/4/64. **b7c**

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Special Agent of the FBI who observed
the subject at her place of employment on 7/6/65, was
SA **[REDACTED]** **b7c**

INFORMANTS

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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The informants contacted in June, 1965, who were unable to furnish information identifiable with the subject were as follows:

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as of 7/9/64, subject was a member of the National Committee Staff of the CSJMS, and due to her notoriously active participation in the CSJMS (instant report).
10. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau 100-429455
Chief New York 100-128869
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Rose Sobell

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

- 1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
- 3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
- 4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
- 5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
- 6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ON 2/21/78

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2)
U. S. Secret Service, NY, NY (RM)

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Enclosure(s) (2)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: 7/16/65 *b7c*

Field Office File #: 100-128869

Bureau File #: 100-429455

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, NY, NY, and is a housewife with part-time employment at the Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NY, NY. Subject attended meetings of the CSJMS in 1964 and 1965.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Reviewed
Classified *SECRET*
Exempt from automatic downgrading and declassification *Indefinite*
Date of review *2/21/78*

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A. Residence and Employment

On July 6, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York, advised that the subject is presently residing at that address and that she works part time at a little thrift shop on St. Nicholas Avenue. U

On July 6, 1965, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), observed the subject working behind the counter at the Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York. The subject was also observed leaving this shop for lunch and returning one half hour later where she took up her position behind the counter. U

II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) FRONT GROUPS

A. Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)

A characterization of the CSJMS is contained in the appendix attached hereto. U

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NY T-2 advised on [REDACTED] that the subject was present at a SOBELL fund raising affair on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] New York, at which she spoke about her son's innocence. She stated that no derogatory evidence was presented at his trial and that he was accused unjustly and unjustly sentenced to prison for 30 years. She further stated that her son has already served 14 years in prison, and it is high time that he be pardoned of the false accusations and freed.

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NY T-9 advised on [REDACTED] that the subject was in attendance at the CSJMS meeting held on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] New York.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with CP activity in the New York City area advised during June, 1965, that they could furnish no information regarding the subject, after viewing her photograph.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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New York, New York
July 16, 1965

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA at NY,
dated 6/4/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Special Agent of the FBI who observed the subject at her place of employment on 7/6/65, was SA

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The informants contacted in June, 1965, who were unable to furnish information identifiable with the subject were as follows:

[REDACTED]

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4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason)
 it contains information from NY T-1 through NY T-9, concerning FBI coverage of subversive activities. If these sources were compromised it could be prejudicial to the national defense.
7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
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 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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TITLE OF CASE ROSE SOBELL aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY dap
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	
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REFERENCE: NYrep of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/16/65.)
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Special Agent of the FBI who observed the subject at her place of employment on 6/22/66, was [REDACTED] b7c

In June, 1966, SA [REDACTED] FBI, caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD to be searched, but the files showed no information identifiable with the subject. b7c

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

Location of Information

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NY T-4 [REDACTED]	b7d	b7d [REDACTED]
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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NYfile 100-128869
Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Rose Sobell

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment:
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Director

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Copy to: 1- Secret Service, NY, NY (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: JUL 15 1966

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Field Office File #: 100-128869

Bureau File #: 100-429455

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, NYC, and employed as a housewife with part-time employment at the Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Ave., NYC. Subject attended numerous meetings of the CSJMS in 1965 and 1966.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

[REDACTED] New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 22, 1966, that the subject currently resides at the above address. b7d b7c

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF [REDACTED]

DATE 2/25/78 [Signature]

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B. Employment

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[REDACTED] mentioned above, advised SA [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] FBI on June 22, 1966 that the subject is employed
as a housewife and part-time at a little thrift shop on St. Nicholas
Avenue, New York, New York.

On June 22, 1966, a SA of the FBI observed the subject
working behind the counter at Helen Sobell Thrift Shop, 1553
St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York.

II. CONNECTION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party (CP)
Front Groups

Far Rockaway Yiddisher Kultur Farband
Reading Circle

The Yiddisher Kultur Farband has been
designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-1 advised on [REDACTED] that the subject
attended a meeting of the Far Rockaway Yiddisher Kultur Farband
Reading Circle at [REDACTED] New
York, on [REDACTED] b7d

Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell (CSJMS)

A characterization of the CSJMS appears in the
appendix section attached hereto.

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Source

Date Advised

Date of Meeting

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NY T-4 advised on June 29, 1965, that the subject attended a memorial gathering in honor of the ROSENBERGS sponsored by the CSJMS, on June 17, 1965. NY T-4 stated that this gathering took place at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, and that at this gathering, the subject called for continued efforts to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. U

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951 to thirty years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the Attorney General.)

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. U

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. U

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NY T-5 advised on June 21, 1965, substantially the same information as stated by NY T-4 above but added that the subject stated that MORTON SOBELL would stay in prison as long as the war in Vietnam continues. U



III. MISCELLANEOUS b7d U

Other informants, who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York area, were contacted during June, 1966, and shown a photograph of the subject, but they could furnish no information identifiable with her. U

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APPENDIX

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL', the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

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Agent [redacted] Reference is made to New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

REFERENCE: NYrep of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 7/16/65.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 9/30/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka
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ReBulet to NY dated 8/30/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM concerning the above-captioned subject.

Enclosed for WFO ^{ARE 400 COPIES} is ~~one~~ copy of above LHM to aid them in covering the lead set forth below.

Administrative

The information from [redacted] is not set forth in the attached LHM in view of Bureau instructions set out in above referenced letter. b-2

The following information is not set out in the attached LHM since it does not concern her travel to Russia or her subversive activities.

[redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] on 9/14/66, that the subject was raped and robbed approximately two months ago. She stated that she does not know the exact circumstances of the case at the present time. b7d
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The confidential sources mentioned in the attached LHM are listed below in the order of their use:

[redacted]

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LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Attempt, through the USDS, Passport Division, the subject's travel itinerary and pertinent passport information.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. (1) Determine through the NYCPD disposition of case involving subject.

(2) Verify the subject's return from Russia and furnish the results to the Bureau.



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ENCLOSURE

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The following is a description of the subject:

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Place of birth:	Belegerka, Wolyn, Poland
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429455)

DATE: 10/14/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869) (P)

SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka
SM-C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet and LHM dated, 9/30/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a LHM concerning the above captioned subject.

Enclosed for the information of WFO is one copy of above LHM because of their investigative interest in this matter.

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On or about 6/30/66, SOBELL signed herself out of the hospital, went to the home of her daughter BEVERLY CRYSTALL, 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

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- 1-Washington Field (Info) (RM)
- 1-New York

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The NYCPD conducted a neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the SOBELL residence with negative results. The case is currently in a Pending Active status and assigned to [REDACTED] 34th Squad. U

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Upon receipt of the results of investigation from WFO, the NYO will close its case concerning the subject. U



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New York, New York

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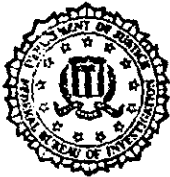
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MEMORANDUM

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To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: DEC 5 1966

From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: ROSE SOBELL

Card U.T.O.

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FBI No. 100 - 429455
100 - 398030

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on _____.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future
review should be

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discontinued

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Dept. 146-012-18-2

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New York, New York
February 27, 1967

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM 7/7/65

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Unknown

Employment:

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-429455)

DATE: 2/27/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869)

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SUBJECT: ROSE SOBELL aka
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re: _____

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Geographical Reference Number _____			Responsibility _____	
Interested Agencies _____			100-429455	
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DATE: 4/27/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128869)

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New York, New York
April 27, 1967

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REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 2/27/67.

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Employment: RETIRED

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date 5-5-67
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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUL 14 1967	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/1 - 7/11/67
TITLE OF CASE ROSE SOBELL, aka CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL ATTACHED		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY SMV
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	b7c

REFERENCE:

New York report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/15/66. **b7c**

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The [REDACTED] used by SA [REDACTED] on 7/11/67, was [REDACTED] **b7c**

The representative of the FBI who interviewed the Passport Records, USDS, was IC [REDACTED] **b7c**

In June, 1967, SA [REDACTED] caused the records of Special Service, NYCPD to be searched but the files showed no current pertinent subversive information identifiable with the subject. **b7c**

Case has been: Pending over the year Yes No; Pending prosecution over six months Yes No

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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<i>RAC</i>	<i>(AIR)</i>	<i>7-28-67</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

The following information is not included in the details of this report because by Bureau letter dated 8/30/66, NY was advised that the information from [REDACTED] is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau and should not be set out in any investigative report. Information from this informant should be utilized for lead purposes only, and any statement concerning the coverage in effect in this instance must be avoided. Under no circumstances should the subject or any unauthorized person become aware that we have knowledge of the above-mentioned contact.

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[REDACTED]

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

Location of Information

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INFORMANTS: (CONT'D)

Identity of Source

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The informants mentioned in the miscellaneous section of this report are as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
Date photograph was taken 1961
 5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 6. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) the unauthorized disclosure of the information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-6 may reveal their identities, compromise their future effectiveness and be injurious to the national defense.
 7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) Not interviewed.
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she is the mother of MORTON SOBELL, convicted of Espionage and presently incarcerated. It is believed the subject would use an interview with her to embarrass the Bureau inasmuch as she has been very active in trying to obtain the release of her son from prison.
 8. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) as of 7/9/64, the subject was a member of the National Committee Staff of the CSJMS. (NY report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/16/65). Also the subject has been notoriously active in the affairs of CFMS during 1966. (instant report)
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10. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bureau 100-429445
New York 100-128869

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Rose Sobell

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 2/21/78

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

- 1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
- 3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
- 4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
- 5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
- 6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

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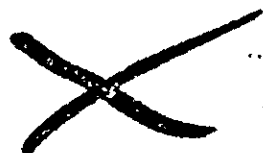
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Enclosure(s) 1

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [Redacted]

Office: New York, New York

Date: JUL 14 1967 *b7c*

Field Office File #: 100-128869

Bureau File #: 100-429455

Title: ROSE SOBELL

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 56 7th Avenue, NY, NY, and is retired. Subject travelled to Europe in 1966, under Passport Number G488138. Subject attended meetings of the CFMS in 1966 and 1967, and also attended the 18th Anniversary Dinner of the "National Guardian" held in NY, NY on 11/4/66.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE *7/21/67*

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

By means of a [Redacted] *b7c* it was determined by Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 11, 1967, that the subject currently resides

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Date of review *Indefinite*

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Travel Data

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, were reviewed on October 19, 1966, by a representative of the FBI and disclosed the following information:

On May 16, 1966, at New York, New York, ROSE SOBELL, was issued Passport Number G488138 for proposed two and one-half months travel to Russia and Western Europe for the purpose of pleasure. She indicated on the passport application, dated May 16, 1966, at New York, New York, that she would depart by ship on July 4.

This passport is valid for travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Vietnam under Communist control. The passport will expire on May 15, 1969 and maybe renewed for two years.

SOBELL, born June 30, 1894 in Russia, listed her permanent address as 142 Laurel Hill Terrace, New York, New York. Her occupation was given as housewife. She listed her parents as MICHAEL PASTERNAK and IDA CHANAM, both of whom were born in Russia. Neither of her parents are United States citizens.

In the event of death or accident, she requested that her daughter, BEVERLY CRYSTALL be notified at 379 Congress Street, New Milford, New Jersey.

She indicated that she was last married on May 22, 1915, to LOUIS SOBELL, born 1899 in Russia. This marriage was terminated by death on April 11, 1955.

She was previously issued Passport Number E177412 on April 9, 1964 at New York, New York, for proposed three month pleasure travel to England, France, Italy and Israel.

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She indicated that she would depart in the summer of 1964, by ship.

When applying for her 1966, passport, SOBELL had submitted an affidavit in which she stated that her apartment had been broken into two weeks earlier and her 1964 passport had been stolen along with other articles.

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Status of Health

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Front Group
Activity

Committee to Free Morton Sobell (CFMS)

A characterization of the CFMS appears
in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

The sources listed below advised on the dates
indicated that the subject attended the following meetings
of the CFMS at [REDACTED]

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Advised</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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NY T-2 advised on [REDACTED] that the subject
attended a Memorial Meeting for the Rosenbergs sponsored by
the CFMS at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York, on [REDACTED]

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted,
in the United States District Court,
Southern District of New York, on March 29,
1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on
behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS
were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951.

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953

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NY T-1 on [REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information as stated by NY T-2 above.

NY T-3 and NY T-4 on June 17 and June 18, 1966 respectively, furnished substantially the same information as stated by NY T-2 above.

NY T-2 and NY T-5 advised on April 14, 1967 and NY T-6 and NY T-1 advised on April 19 and April 24, 1967 respectively, that the subject attended a rally sponsored by the CPMS on April 11, 1967 at the Hunter College Assembly Hall, 69th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.

"National Guardian"

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix section attached hereto.



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III MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted in June, 1967, and shown a photograph of the subject, but they could furnish no information identifiable with her.